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SUBJECT: CABINDAN REFUGEES IN TSHELA

REF: (A) KINSHASA 1625; (B) KINSHASA 1834

1. DEPARTMENT NOTES (REFTEL B) THAT MISSION HAS ALREADY SHARED SUBSTANCE OF DR. KENNEDY'S REPORT (REFTEL A) WITH UNHCR. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT, IN VIEW OF SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SITUATION AND THE LONG DELAY WHICH HAS OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE REFUSAL TO ACT BY UNHCR REP KINSHASA, IMMEDIATE ACTION BY UNHCR IS NOW NECESSARY TO ASSURE ADEQUATE RELIEF IS PROVIDED ON AN URGENT BASIS TO THESE REFUGEES.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY U.S. VOLUNTARY
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AGENCIES, NOW ACTIVE IN ZAIRE, TO MEET WITH THEM IN WEEK OF MARCH 14 TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SITUATION AND TO DETERMINE HOW THEY CAN BEST BE MET. IT SHOULD BE NOTED

THAT ALMOST THE ONLY EFFECTIVE RELIEF NOW BEING PROVIDED TO THESE REFUGEES IS COMING FROM AMERICAN PRIVATE AGENCIES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM THE USG.

THIS REQUIREMENT, HOWEVER, IS TOO LARGE TO BE MET FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL LENGTH OF TIME FROM THIS SOURCE.

3. THUS, REQUEST AMBASSADOR DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM DIRECTLY WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND FORMALLY PROVIDE HIM WITH A SANITIZED COPY OF DR. KENNEDY'S REPORT. AMB. SHOULD NOTE THAT WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE CONTINUING RESPONSIVENESS OF UNHCR HEADQUARTERS IN PRESSING TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION IN LIGHT OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE A DIFFICULT UNHCR PERSONNEL PROBLEM. WE WOULD NOT PRESUME TO SUGGEST HOW THIS PROBLEM SHOULD BE RESOLVED. IN LIGHT OF THE EXTREME SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION REPORTED FIRST BY MR. WIESNER OF IRC AND CONFIRMED BY DR. KENNEDY OF EMBASSY KINSHASA, HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT THE UNHCR WOULD BE EXTREMELY REMISS NOT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ALLEVIATE WHAT WE PERCEIVE AS AN URGENT HUMANITARIAN REQUIREMENT.

4. HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT WE WOULD FULLY AGREE THAT IT APPROPRIATE TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THE RECENT USG CONTRIBUTION OF 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR AFRICAN PROGRAMS TO THIS END. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME BEST UNHCR ESTIMATES FOR REQUIREMENTS IN THE TSHELA REGION AS A PART OF OUR OVERALL REVIEW OF REFUGEE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS IN AFRICA.

5. PLEASE SANITIZE REFTTEL A AS FOLLOWS: (A) DELETE SECOND SENTENCE NUMBERED PARA 2 STARTING "PREVIOUS REFUGEE GROUPING." ; (B) DELETE NUMBERED PARA 7 AND 8
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AND REPLACE WITH NEW PARA 7 READING, "LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT NO ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO CABINDAN REFUGEES IN THE TSHELA ZONE BY UNHCR."
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